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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT : FY 1968 Funding for the Office of Special Projects, Applied Research/Advanced Technology Program

REFERENCE : a. [redacted] dated 23 April 1967
b. [redacted] dated 29 May 1967
c. [redacted] dated 24 July 1967

1. The FY 1968 submission for OSP work in Applied Research and Advanced Technology (Reference a.) included a request to continue the support of the Sheet Film Transport Development. This task was one of those for which funding was deferred in the initial FY 1968 Program Approvals (Reference b.). As a result, further detailed documentation of the technical approaches and of the objectives of this program were outlined in Reference c. On 26 September, a briefing was given by [redacted] in your Office, further describing the significant aspects of this program. As a result, a technology oriented program was suggested by you.

2. To comply with this suggested approach, we plan to pursue the following tasks during the remainder of this fiscal year:

a. Laboratory tests will be performed employing the brassboard and the convolute aimed at the solution of outstanding engineering problems.

b. Other experiments will be directed toward further confirmation of the feasibility of the design approach. These include: the refinement of film flatness measurement techniques;

NRO review(s) completed.

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tests employing UTE and other types of film in the
blackboard and in the convolute to permit the analysis
of the significant damage mechanisms and their reduction;
development of improved film velocity measurement
techniques.

c. Within the operating limitations of the ex-
perimental laboratory equipment, investigations concerned
with reliability will be refined and expanded in scope to
permit the subsequent realistic design of an engineering
model.

3. The above effort will require the release of deferred funds
[redacted] for FY 1968. Your early approval would be
most helpful.

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CIA Reconnaissance Programs

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